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To: Edwards, Karen
Subject: Responsible Animal Ownership By-law

Hi Karen,
I am just writing with concern about the proposed animal bylaw. I am worried that prohibiting urban chickens is delivering the wrong message to communities regarding deepening our understanding about where our food comes from. This prohibition also impedes an individual's right to grow their own food (in this case, eggs). Chickens are a much more sensible pet than cats or dogs - they are actually useful! They can supply food and valuable lessons for children regarding where our food comes from and how we can be self-sufficient! A more appropriate by-law would be to regulate urban chickens - have standards for how they are kept and how many one person should be allowed to own.
Thank you for listening to my concern,
Yours respectfulely,
Michelle Gibson